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**From: Bernadette Queen
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**Comments: Per our conversation on today, enclosed is a copy of the
Notice under 37CFR1.251 to reconstruct the above application.**



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NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application

The file of the above-identified application cannot be located after a reasonable search. Therefore, the Office is initiating the reconstruction of the file of the above-identified application pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.251.

Applicant is given a period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice within which to provide a copy of applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), a list of such correspondence, and a statement that the copy is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.

The following paper(s) pertaining to the above-identified application cannot be located after a reasonable search:

See attachment

Therefore, the Office is initiating the reconstruction of such paper(s) pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.251.

Applicant is given a period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice within which to provide a copy of the paper(s) listed above and a statement that the copy of such paper(s) is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of such paper(s).

Alternatively, applicant may reply to this notice by producing applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application for the Office to copy (except for U.S. patent documents), and provide a statement that the papers produced by applicant are applicant's complete record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records. Such records must be brought to the Customer Service Center in the Office of Initial Patent Examination (Crystal Plaza 2, 2011 South Clark Place, Arlington, VA 22202).

If applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (or any copy of the paper(s) listed above), applicant must reply to this notice by providing a statement that applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application.

Failure to reply to this notice in a timely manner will result in abandonment of the above-identified application. The three-month period for reply to this notice may be extended (up to a maximum of six months) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). However, failure to reply within this three-month period will result in a reduction of any patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

A printout from PALM of the contents of the file of the above-identified application is included with this notice.

Direct the reply to this notice to:

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Direct questions concerning this notice to:

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In re Application of:Orval A. Oppert hauser**Application No.:**09/938,993**Filing Date:**08-24-2001**Title:**Pipe Insulation Coupling**Direct to:**

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NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application**Statement (check the appropriate box):**

- The copy submitted with this reply is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and applicant is not aware of any correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.
- The copy of the paper(s) listed in the notice under 37 CFR 1.251 is/are a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of such paper(s).
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- Applicant does not possess any record of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application.

DateSignatureTyped or printed name**A copy of this notice should be returned with the reply.**

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.251. The information is used by the public to reply to a request for copies of correspondence between the applicant and the USPTO in order to reconstruct an application file. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 60 minutes to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.



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Comments: Per our conversation please note Letter concerning papers requiring correction. Please call to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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Date: 7/23/07

Attention: Mr. Robin Asher

Subject: unsigned Copy of the 37 CFR 1.251 Letter

Please note that a statement (check appropriate box) and your signature is required for me to reconstruct this file. I received all the papers submitted today and await your consent form. Please fax to me at 571-270-9834

Sincerely,
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